

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 14-16, 19-24, 44-46, 55-56, and 59-60, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by **Greenberg et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,054,227)**. Applicant respectfully cancels these claims.

Claim Objections

It is submitted that claims 17-18, 25-26, 49, 57-58, and 61-62, as previously amended, overcome the Examiner's earlier objection to these claims. These claims have been previously rewritten as per the Examiner's instructions. The objection being overcome, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection of these claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of all the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections and objections are overcome, and that applicants' claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore earnestly solicit allowance of thereof, and the issue of U.S. letters patent therefore.

Respectfully submitted,

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